

# **AIRLIFT** **Dispatch**

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*Photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron Allman*

Two members of the 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron, along with a member of the 14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, load relief supplies aboard a C-17 Saturday while deployed to Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga. They supported relief operations being conducted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to assist Hurricane Charley victims in Florida. For a related story, see Page 12.

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## GET READY

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### MISSION POSSIBLE

Charleston departures	11,162	Personnel deployed	592
Maintenance reliability	95.8	Reservists activated	689
Cargo moved (tons)	51,332	(Jan. 1 to August 17, 2004)	

**Team Charleston: One family, one mission, one fight!**





## Thank you

I would like to thank all of **Team Charleston** for doing such a great job preparing the base for Hurricane Charley. We were very lucky the storm missed us, but we gained a good opportunity to exercise our procedures and to note lessons learned for the next potential hurricane. I especially want to thank the 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron **Weather Flight** for working around the clock to ensure we had the most up-to-date information to keep Team Charleston safe.

Kudos also to **437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron** for their efforts to prepare for this storm.

## Recognition

I want to congratulate **Capt. Meg Martin**, 16<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, for her selection as Air Mobility Command's nominee for the Katherine and Marjorie Stinson Award. This award recognizes a living woman for an outstanding and enduring contribution, a meritorious flight, or a singular technical development in the field of aviation, aeronautics, space or related sciences. Great job and good luck at the Air Force level.

## Air Force Ball

Tickets are still available for this year's Air Force Ball, which will be held Sept. 11. The ball is open to all ranks – active duty, reservists, civilians and retirees.

Child care will be available for a nominal fee and if mission require-



Photo by Airman 1st Class Darnell Cannady

**Col. Brooks Bash, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing commander, washes his car with Team Charleston members during the opening of the new 437<sup>th</sup> Logistic Readiness Squadron wash rack Monday,**

ments preclude you from attending at the last minute, you will receive a refund. So there shouldn't be any reason for you to hesitate to come out and have a great time with fellow members of Team Charleston.

Tickets are available on the Globemaster web site or through the 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Protocol office.

Please buy your tickets now to help our planning for this premier event.

## Safety emphasis items

During the summer, we haven't had to look out for school children. Now that school is back in session, be prepared to stop for children walking or riding bicycles to school, standing at bus stops, and entering or exiting school buses.

Remind your children to look before entering the street and always yield the right of way when not sure about a vehicle stopping or yielding. When everyone does their part, we will have a safe school year.

## Mission

Last Thursday between Tropical Storm Bonnie and Hurricane Charley, we safely launched 25 aircraft in just 12 hours.

It took a lot of people from across the base to make this happen and I want to thank you for your hard work and dedication to the mission ... great job!

Have a great week!

# Action line

## Early cashiers, paved roads requested

**Q: I am disabled, and had to get a few groceries at the commissary. I arrived at 9:30 a.m., early enough to enter the commissary during the 30-minute handicapped-only early entrance time. I selected the few items we required, and tried to check out. Other early shoppers were also waiting for a cashier to appear so they could proceed through check out. The cashiers started work at 10 a.m. Please consider designating an early check-out cashier during this period. Thank you.**

**A:** Thank you for your question about early check-out at the commissary for disabled customers. Defense Commissary Agency policy allows physically disabled patrons to shop unencumbered 30 minutes before other patrons are let in to shop. Unfortunately, DeCA does not open the check-out

lines until the commissary is officially open. I recommend you adjust your shopping routine slightly so you avoid having to wait to check out. Again, thank you for your call.

**Q: The beginning of Maryland Avenue near the Hunley Park guard shack is in no shape for anyone who does not have a truck to drive through it. My car was recently painted, and I now have to take it back to the shop because of all the rocks. It seems to me there is no reason the road is not paved right now, because nothing has been done except for the forming of the curb. There is too much dirt in the air around there, and I can't keep my car clean for more than a day, because I have to drive through a dirt road. Many other people I have talked to are upset with this issue as well. Please pave the road.**

**A:** Thanks for your call. We apologize for the inconvenience caused by the Hunley Park Gate construction as we endeavor to provide a safer and more secure environment for Team Charleston personnel. Unfortunately, progress slowed recently on the Hunley Park Gate due to some unforeseen design concerns and weather delays. However, these issues have been resolved and work is continuing. Should you have any questions, please contact our construction managers in the 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron, Engineering Flight at x4953. We appreciate your continued patience during the gate construction period.

**- Col. Brooks Bash  
437 AW commander**

437AW.action@charleston.af.mil  
or call 963-5581

# Combat camera in action - you are there

By Lt. Col. Stephen Difonzo  
1<sup>st</sup> CTCS commander

Staff Sgt. Daniel Cullen, one of our aerial combat photographers, had quite a day earlier this year.

He had just poured his first cup of coffee when Ambassador Paul Bremer's assistant told him, "Grab your cameras. You have a top priority job."

Without even knowing what he was going to cover, he got in the armored SUV and headed to the Iraqi equivalent of the White House.

In the vehicle he was briefed the transfer of power is going to happen two days early and the ambassador will be leaving the country within hours. Sergeant Cullen was herded into a room with top media representatives from around the world, approximately 50 total.

Next the group moved into Iraq's prime minister's office where the announcement was made and the handover of power became official.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Camera Squadron Airmen work the whole spectrum of warfare across all instruments of power available to our nation — from humanitarian missions for economic

## worth repeating

"We are combat camera and we will remain at the tip of the spear so you can feel that you are there."



Lt. Col. Stephen Difonzo  
1<sup>st</sup> Combat Camera Squadron commander

support, to peace keeping missions for diplomatic gains, to small scale contingencies and a major theater war involving military action. We capture, edit and disseminate visual information so it documents events primarily to provide time-critical intelligence to the president, secretary of defense and combatant commanders.

We do it in the air and on the ground, under fire and in foreign lands. At times these photos or videos are released by public affairs that impact the world.

Combat camera personnel are all over the world. They photograph and document some of the historical events of our time.

"I was riding the wave of the new-Iraq excitement for about a day when I was told to pack up for another top-priority job," Sergeant Cullen said. "One other photographer and I were the only photo types (press or military) within a 10-mile radius. Prime time came when the Rhino (heavily armored bus) rolled up. I didn't believe it when I saw him, but there he was. I have to admit the tension of his presence got the best of me for a couple of seconds. The photographers were signaled to head inside the court room. The very cool and calm judge asked him his name for the record at which point he said via translation, 'I am the president of Iraq, Saddam Hussein.' And with that, away we

went. I was shooting (pictures) like a mad man. They told me the whole event could take anywhere from five to 20 minutes and these photos might be the last the world would see of him for several months. Between that and being told the president will be briefed with my photographs I had all the pressure I needed.

"Once it was all over, I returned to the green zone to find out my pictures ran on the front pages of the *Libertarian* (Paris), *Daily Telegraph* (London), *Hindustan Times* (New Delhi, India), *Washington Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Sydney Morning Herald Times* (Sydney), *Globo* (Rio de Janeiro), *The Irish Independent* (Dublin), *El Pais* (Madrid), *Sgahi Shimun* (Tokyo) and the *Pioneer Press*,"

All the men and women of the 1st Combat Camera Squadron, the only active unit of its kind in the Air Force, are continually relied upon for the excellence in all they do. In fact, seven were chosen to work the upcoming presidential inauguration.

Staff Sgt. Juan Femath, a combat videographer deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom, said, "Overall, it's deployments like this that are responsible for all the bragging I do as to how cool our job really is.

Yeah, sometimes we get a little dirty, a little roughed up and occasionally we put our lives in danger. But not many people can claim to have seen and documented the events and the operations that shape and unite nations.

We truly are the eyes and ears of the military. At times we get frustrated at how hard it actually is to gain access as well as peoples' trust.

But at the end of the day, after you got the shot, captioned it and transmitted it, you can sleep better knowing that by pushing the record button or snapping a few photos, you've served your country and done your part in writing something that will never be forgotten ... history."

We are combat camera and we will remain at the tip of the spear so you can feel that you are there.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Myles Cullen

Ambassador L. Paul Bremer and Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh walk to the Baghdad International Airport before the ambassador makes his final departure from Iraq, June 28.

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# Chief looks back on 30 years of service

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Arredondo  
437 AW Public Affairs

A chief master sergeant retired after 30 years of service today during a ceremony held at the Charleston Club.

Chief Master Sgt. Tommie Taylor, superintendent of the 437th Operations Group, hangs up his blue uniform after serving at Charleston AFB for more than 24 years.

"When I first joined the Air Force, I loved it," said Chief Taylor, "I had three older brothers who were also in the military and one sister. Two of my brothers were in the Air Force and one was in the Marines, and from them I learned what the military was all about and all it had to offer me," he said.

Chief Taylor's first assignment was to the 437th Field Maintenance Squadron here as an aerospace ground equipment technician.

After being stationed here for a few years, he was sent to Zaire during the 1978 revolution there. It was during this time he performed AGE maintenance, as one of only two AGE mechanics to be sent to support flightline operations in Zaire, Chief Taylor said.

"While I was stationed there, a generator used to support the aircraft went down because its fuel control stopped working. I was able to get it up and running," he said.

Also during this time, he worked with many other career fields and helped them perform their duties, ranging from blocking planes to loading them.

Soon after coming back from a second deployment to Zaire, he decided to apply for retraining into the loadmaster career field.

Chief Taylor stayed here until 1995, when as a senior master sergeant, he was sent to the 310th Airlift Squadron at Howard AFB, Panama as a C-27 loadmaster and operations superintendent. In Panama, he was named Senior NCO of the Year.



Chief Master Sgt. Tommie Taylor

After spending two years in Panama, he was sent to Headquarters Air Education and Training Command Headquarters at Randolph AFB, Texas, as the command loadmaster functional manager.

After being in the Air Force for 26 years, an opportunity arose for him to come back to Charleston to fulfill his current duty position.

During his time as superintendent of the 437OG, he helped the wing acquire an "Excellent" rating during the 2002 21st Air Force Aircrew Standardization and Evaluation visit. Also, he flew more than 50 combat hours last year while delivering over 200 tons of supplies in direct support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Col. Bill Bender, former commander of the 437 OG, commended Chief Taylor as being the finest chief he has ever known.

Through his years of being in the Air Force there has been many changes. Out of all of them, one has stood out to Chief Taylor. "One of the biggest changes I have seen during my 30 years is in race relations," said Chief Taylor.

"When I first joined the Air Force, there was a lack of understanding on how to treat and talk with other folks," he said. "We have come a long way since then. We have grown as a team."

Chief Taylor said he is looking forward to spending his retirement working in a career where he can still give to the community.

"I will continue with a second career. It may be civil service, something with the Veteran Affairs office, or going into business for myself, but whatever it is, I want to be able to give to the community. I want to do something meaningful so it can serve others," he said.

"We (the Air Force) are No. 1. I have no doubt about that. Especially where we were and where we are now," Chief Taylor said. "I will sleep well at night knowing everything will be OK he said."

Chief Taylor and wife, Diane, have four children and six grandchildren.

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Chief Master Sgt. Tommie Taylor  
437th Operations Group superintendent

## 437 MTF Airman receives professionalism award

By Jennifer Turner  
315 AW Public Affairs

An instructor from the 437th Maintenance Training Flight received the 2003 Dale Bannister Professionalism Award recently.

Staff Sgt. Rory McColly earned the award for her work as Air Mobility Command's prime C-17 communication/navigation/mission systems maintenance qualification training program.

Given annually since 2001 to a member assigned to the flight, the award honors former flight member retired Tech. Sgt. Dale Bannister who died in January 2000 after a sudden illness. Sergeant Bannister was the noncommissioned officer in charge of the MQTP from 1998 to 2000.

"Sergeant McColly taught 165 technicians and 28 classes, totaling 508

instructional hours," said Jessica Lovette, assistant flight chief of the 437 MTF. "She is the 437th Maintenance Group's lead self aid and buddy care instructor and served as chairman during several instructional system reviews."

In addition, Sergeant McColly has worked with the Air Force Sergeants Association, the Combined Federal Campaign, the Midland Park Elementary's Helping One Student To Succeed Program and First Term Airman's Center.

Aware of previous recipients of the award and their standards of excellence, Sergeant McColly said she valued being the newest member of the group.

"I personally feel this annual award by far is the most important because of who Sergeant Bannister was and what he stood for," Sergeant McColly said.

## Gate construction on schedule

By 2nd Lt. Kristy Miller  
437 AW Public Affairs

Despite minor delays, Charleston AFB's gate construction project is well underway and still on track to be completed in January 2005.

Breaking ground on the construction sites took a few weeks longer than they had hoped, said 2nd Lt. Eric Hagenburger, 437th Civil Engineer Squadron.

"We're still on target with (Air Mobility Command's) schedule though," said Lieutenant Hagenburger. "There have been a few minor, routine delays. AMC standardization of some facets of the gates caused us to slow down progress a bit."

Lieutenant Hagenburger, a project manager for the gates renovation project, said the 437th

Security Forces Squadron and the 437 CES have worked closely monitoring traffic flow in and out of the temporary gates.

"Traffic has been our No. 1 concern," said Senior Master Sgt. Richard Graves, 437 SFS superintendent. "I think we have the timing down now. People are being more courteous and the traffic is flowing better."

In the end, all the inconvenience will be worth it, Lieutenant Hagenburger said.

The new gates will provide better protection for security forces personnel, better protection for Charleston AFB and much more improved traffic flow than ever before.

"We ask everyone to continue to be extra cautious and courteous," Sergeant Graves said. "Remember patience and safety."

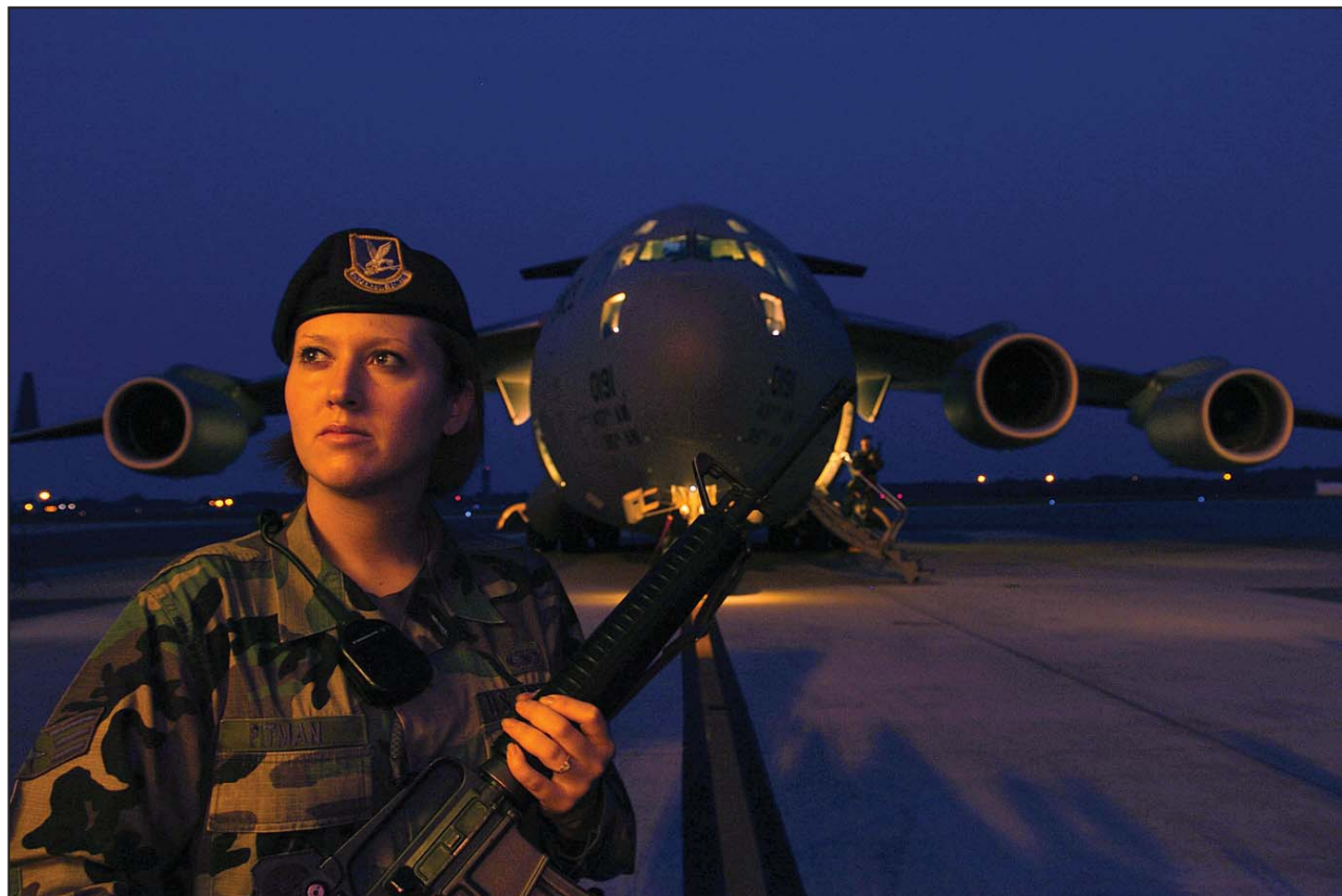


Photo by Joe McNally

## Lighting the night

Senior Airman Nicole Pitman, 437th Security Forces Squadron, stands guard for a C-17 here. Members of the 1st Combat Camera Squadron participated in a workshop, taught by Joe McNally, formerly of Life Magazine, Sports Illustrated and National Geographic. He showed photographers advanced lighting and story techniques to help become better photojournalists.

## Blotter Shoplifter caught, fraudulent ID card taken

The following are some of the responses by the 437th Security Forces Squadron from Aug. 9 to Sunday and are printed to raise awareness of resource protection and safety.

Anyone with information regarding these or any other incident please

call security forces at 963-3600.

### Vehicle accidents

■ An Airman reported he pulled away from the keypad at the entrance to the 437th Aerial Port Squadron gate and his government vehicle struck one of the protective poles.

### Traffic stats

Security forces cited 53 drivers for speeding, nine for failure to stop, three for no proof of current insurance, two for expired plates, two for expired registration, one for a burned out tail light and one for failure to

wear a helmet.

■ Security forces stopped a civilian on base for consuming an alcoholic beverage while operating a vehicle. CCSO responded, issued a \$257 summons for possession of an open container, \$232 summons for possession of an altered license, and scheduled a court date.

■ Security forces stopped two civilian drivers at the Rivers Avenue Gate for not having a driver's license nor proper identification. CCSO responded and issued one driver a \$129 summons for driving without a license and scheduled a court date. The other driver received a \$129 summons for driving without a license, a \$129 summons for improper registration, and was scheduled for a court date. Further investigation revealed one of the drivers and a passenger in his vehicle possessed false documents that were confiscated.

■ Security forces stopped a civilian driver at the commissary gate for expired registration and no proof of insurance. The driver was told the car would stay parked until he could provide proof of valid insurance. The driver returned later, was

uncooperative and didn't have proof of valid insurance. CCSO responded, issued a \$440 summons for operating a vehicle while uninsured and scheduled a court date.

### Crime watch

■ A family member was detained for shoplifting \$3.79 worth of nail polish at the base exchange. North Charleston Police Department responded and issued a \$1087 ticket, scheduled a court date and transported the family member to the Charleston County Jail. The family member's AAFES privileges were revoked.

■ An Airman reported an earring worth \$300 to \$400 was stolen from his room at the Inns of Charleston.

■ A civilian, who works as a security manager for a Charleston bar, returned a fraudulent dependent ID card she confiscated.

■ Security forces reported a civilian walked across the barriers into Hunley Park housing. CCSO responded and issued a \$257 summons for trespassing and scheduled a court date.

## DUI/DWI Statistics

**Last incident: 10 days**

**2004 total: 15**

**2003 total: 18**

Members receiving a Driving Under the Influence must report to the wing commander the following duty day in full service dress accompanied by their supervisor, first sergeant and squadron commander.

**AADD**  
AIRMEN AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING

**963-0437**

**Charleston AFB's Airmen Against Drunk Driving offers free, confidential rides home.**

**53  
saves  
this year**



# Base Airmen help Fla. victims of Hurricane Charley

**Story By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Arredondo**  
437 AW Public Affairs

Eight Airmen from the 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron were sent to Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., Friday to help in the shipment of needed emergency supplies for the victims of Hurricane Charley in Florida.

"Our main mission was to supply hurricane relief, such as food, water, tarps, paper bags, plastic, cots and blanket," said Staff Sgt. Brandon Hutchins, 437 APS air transportation team chief.

"We got the call Friday at about 5:30 p.m. to get ready," Sergeant Hutchins said. "We met at the combat readiness flight. It took us 45 minutes to have the team meet and get a vehicle for our six-hour trip to Georgia. We finally made it to Dobbins at 4 a.m., and started work early Saturday at 9 a.m.," Sergeant Hutchins said.

Once the team started working, it was almost non-stop for the crew to get the planes loaded for the trip to Lakeland Linder Regional Airport in Florida.

"Saturday we worked 24 hours straight. Then we came back later Sunday to work another nine hours,"

Sergeant Hutchins said.

While working these long hours, the crew was responsible for unloading 40 tractor trailers, which delivered the relief supplies to Dobbins, palletizing all the items and then loading up C-17s to be sent to Florida. Then six Team Charleston aircrews flew the loaded C-17s to Lakeland.

Sergeant Hutchins said while his crew was at Dobbins, they placed 720,697 pounds of supplies onto 142 pallets, which they loaded into nine aircraft in a 36-hour time period.

For one member of this team, it was his first chance to be on an emergency mission to help others.

"I think it is good thing when we are able to help people," said Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Gordon Jones, 437 APS air transportation apprentice. "We have what the people of Florida need, and we are getting it to them," he said.

His team chief echoes his sentiment of helping others.

"It is a good feeling knowing I played a vital role in delivering these items," Sergeant Hutchins said.

"Knowing how much people needed these items gives you that last burst of energy so you are able to get the needed items down to Florida so it can help those individuals," Sergeant Hutchins said.



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron Allmon*

**A member of the 437th Aerial Port Squadron, deployed to Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., uses a forklift to move relief supplies on pallets on Saturday. They supported relief operations being conducted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.**



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron Allmon*

**(Right) Staff Sgt. Brad Byrd of the 437 APS prepares cargo netting for relief supplies.**

**(Left) A member of the 437 APS takes supplies from a tractor trailer to be palletized for loading onto a C-17.**



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron Allmon*



## Bush announces global posture changes

**WASHINGTON** — The United States will redistribute forces now stationed at overseas locations “where the wars of the last century ended,” President Bush announced on Aug. 16.

The decision to redistribute forces comes after three years of study and consultations, he said.

“We’ve consulted closely with our allies and with Congress,” he said. “We’ve examined the challenges posed by today’s threats and emerging threats.” The result, he said, will be “a more agile and flexible force.”

As the new global posture takes shape during the next 10 years, more U.S. troops will be stationed at, and deployed from, home bases in the U.S., President Bush said.

The new plan will strengthen U.S. alliances and build new partnerships worldwide, and it will reduce stress on military people and their families, the president said.

This would give servicemembers more time at home, as well as more predictability and fewer moves during a career, he said.

“Our military spouses will have fewer job changes, greater stability, more time for their kids and to spend time with their families at home,” he said.

## PRC offers aid during natural disasters

**RANDOLPH AFB, Texas** — As the busiest time of the 2004 hurricane season begins, Air Force Personnel Center officials here are reminding Airmen that the Personnel Readiness Center can assist them when natural disasters strike.

In the event personnel are evacuated or communications are impaired, the PRC acts as a central point of contact to pass on information from an installation’s commander to his or her people — even as individuals evacuate with their families, and may be separated from their units.

The PRC is charged with coordinating an Air Force response to emergencies and natural disasters with 24-hour operations during crisis situations.

In emergencies, members can reach the PRC toll free at (800) 435-9941, DSN 665-2020 or commercial

(210) 565-2020. **(AFPN)**

## Air Force seeks career enlisted aviators

**WASHINGTON** — Opportunities for Airmen to become enlisted aviators are taking off as nine aircrew specialties are opening up for retraining.

The Air Force’s senior enlisted aviator said more than 360 training slots are available for enlisted Airmen in ranks senior airman through master sergeant.

First-term Airmen assigned to units within the continental United States must apply before the last duty day of the 43<sup>rd</sup> month of the enlistment (67 months for six-year enlistees). Airmen stationed overseas may apply between the 15<sup>th</sup> and ninth month before the date they are eligible to return providing they will enter the 35<sup>th</sup> month of service (59<sup>th</sup>

for six-year enlistees) on or before their return date.

Positions are available for in-flight refueling specialists, flight engineers, loadmasters, airborne communications and electronics specialists, airborne battle management systems specialists, airborne mission systems specialists, flight attendants, aerial gunners and airborne cryptologic linguists.

Contact the local military personnel flight for information, or visit the dot-mil restricted CEA Web site at <https://www.xo.hq.af.mil/xoo/xoot/xoota/CEA/cea.htm>. **(AFPN)**

## New leadership course for chiefs being finalized

**MAXWELL AFB, Ala.** — Although the transition to chief master sergeant may not be seamless, a new course will aim at eliminating some

of the obstacles newly promoted chiefs may encounter.


The Chief Master Sergeant Leadership Course, developed at the Air Force Senior NCO Academy at nearby Gunter Annex, becomes the fourth level of professional military education for enlisted Airmen.

Starting Aug. 18, more than 46 active-duty, Guard and Reserve chiefs will arrive here for a workshop to assist in the final stages of development for the course. The chiefs will provide feedback as subject-matter experts.

One course objective is teaching attendees how to effectively communicate with their audiences and how to deal with the media.

“These are things chiefs used to have to learn through the school of hard knocks. Now, they will be better prepared,” said Chief Master Sgt. David Andrews, Air Force Senior NCO Academy commandant.

# AIRMEN IN ACTION






Photo by Staff Sgt. Dawn Bolen

## Hooking it up

**Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Finley Dalmacio, crew chief from the 27<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Unit, Langley AFB, Va., works on an F-15 resting hook, during a Phase I Operational Readiness Inspection. The exercise graded initial response and deployment, employment, ability to survive and operate (ATSO) and combat response.**



## Spotlight

**Retirement:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Operations Group hosts a retirement ceremony for Lt. Col. Steve Dellies at 11 a.m. today in the 14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron auditorium.

For information, call 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Bryon Burks at 963-2193.

## Around the base

**Summary court officer:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Kyle Ingebritson, 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, is detailed as summary court officer to secure and make proper disposition of the personal effects of Tech. Sgt. Randy Way Westervelt Jr.

Anyone with knowledge of money or property due to the deceased or claims against his estate can call Lieutenant Ingebritson at 963-4589.

**USAFA Superintendent visit:** Lt. Gen. John Rosa, United States Air Force Academy superintendent, will take questions during a briefing at the Embassy Suites Charleston Convention Center at 7 p.m. Monday.

R.S.V.P. by today to Marty Marcolongo at (719) 472-0300.

**Armed Forces Inaugural Committee:** The Air Force is seeking high-caliber individuals to support the 55<sup>th</sup> Presidential Inauguration from Jan. 15 to 24.

Selectees will perform unit-funded temporary duty in Washington, D.C. Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve volunteers must secure their own funding and mandays.

To see a complete listing of job openings, contact your commander support staff.

**NCO retraining:** Air Force offi-

## Charleston Warrior of the Week

### Senior Airman Raymond Green 17<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron

Senior Airman Raymond Green is a loadmaster assigned to the 17<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron. His primary duties include supervising the loading and unloading of cargo, troops and military vehicles.

"I help make the mission happen by getting much needed supplies and troops to the front lines," Airman Green said.

The Houtzdale, Penn., native has been in the Air Force almost two years and hopes to excel in his Air Force career.

"My goals are to make staff sergeant, become air drop qualified and become an instructor," Airman Green said.

He spends his off-duty time volunteering for various events throughout base, but remains focused on his job as a loadmaster and the importance of what he does.

Airman Green's supervisor, Staff Sergeant Paul Guenther, 17 AS loadmaster, said Airman Green emulates what an Airman should be and is a great example for others.

"Airman Green is an outstanding troop with an outstanding attitude, and more importantly he has an unmatched personal drive to be the best at everything he does," Sergeant Guenther said. "He quickly became a leader among his peers and is always the first to step-up to any challenge. Airman Green is truly a shining example of our Air Force core values."



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Pamela Smith

cials have announced the start of the 2005 noncommissioned officer retraining program. The '05 NCORP will target approximately 1,098 NCOs to retrain from career fields with NCO overages to those with NCO shortages.

The voluntary phase of the pro-

gram runs through Sept. 30. If necessary, an involuntary phase will begin shortly afterward. Some restrictions apply, depending on grade and Air Force specialty.

Contact the military personnel flight at 963-4567 or 963-4506 for complete details and a list of available careers to retrain into.

**Marriage enrichment seminar:** The Family Advocacy Program offers a marriage enrichment class starting Aug. 31 and meeting for six consecutive Tuesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

There is no cost for base personnel and their spouses. To register, contact Jim Hernandez at 963-6504.

**Base blood drive:** The DoD blood drive will be held at the Fitness Center on Sept. 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All blood types are

needed. Collections directly support our troops and military families overseas and at home.

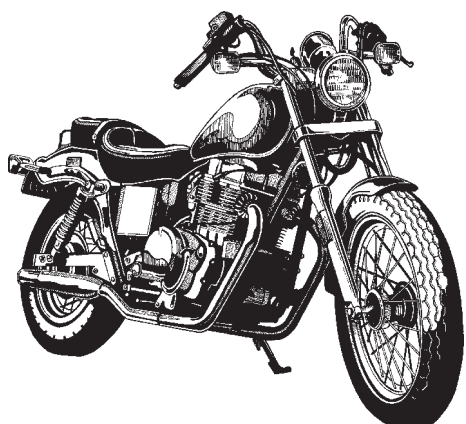
Contact your squadron POC or Capt. Ryan White at 963-6100 for details.

**Voting:** Armed Forces Voters Week is Sept. 3 to 11 a booth will be set up at the commissary to help base personnel register to vote for this year's election if they haven't done so already.

For more information concerning voting requirements in your home state, contact your squadron voting representative or Maj. Edward Parker, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing voting officer, at 963-6855.

**RAO position:** The Retiree Activities Office is looking for a new RAO director. Anyone interested in the position can call Lt. Col. David Peaire at 963-5626.

## Chucktown Haulers ride to Hunting Island State Park



### Itinerary:

Meet at *The Plex* at 9 a.m. Saturday, motorcycles will leave at 9:30 a.m.

Take the back roads to Beaufort

Stop for lunch at *The Bank*

Depart for Hunting Island State Park

Tour the lighthouse (\$3 parking fee)

Return to Charleston via U.S. Highway 17

For more information or to become a member of the base motorcycle club, call Capt. Julie Jacobs at 963-6852.



# Command Performance

## Airmen have many sources on dress, appearance issues

**Master Sgt. Ray Cordero**  
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Air Force Instruction 36-2903 addresses most of our everyday questions on the proper wear of the military uniform. But there are many instances when members must look for guidance in other publications.

One example would be the wear of occupational badges.

Chapter 2 of AFI 36-2903 tells members where to place an occupational badge on a specific uniform, but if they're not sure which type of badge should be worn, AFI 35-2923, Chapter 5.6 gives them guidance on earning occupational badges and conditions for wearing them.

The proper wear of the flight suit is another example of when a member must research beyond AFI 26-2903, which refers to these items as "functional clothing" and references major command and installation directives for its wear.

AMC's guidance for wear of flight suits can be found in AFI 36-2903, AMC supplement 1 (dated Sept. 12, 2002), Atch. 5.

The 96<sup>th</sup> Air Force Uniform Board recently released its approved implementations concerning dress and appearance issues:

- Backpacks can now be worn over both shoulders, but must be a solid-colored black backpack when carried in blue uniform combinations.

- Solid-color black, olive drab or woodland camouflage backpacks can be worn when in BDUs.

- The Air Force has returned to the "no hands in pocket" rule.

These are just some of the many sources available for people to check the latest guidance on dress and appearance. The Air Force Web site, [www.af.mil](http://www.af.mil), and the *Airlift Dispatch* are always good references for what's happening out there, but nothing can replace your own knowledge of these areas.

Check the AFI's, supplements and messages for the most up-to-date information and, as always, talk to your first sergeant if you have any questions.

## Chapel schedule



**107 Arthur Drive**  
**Office:** Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**Phone:** 963-2536.

After duty hours, call the command post at 963-2531 for emergencies only.

**Catholic Services:** *Saturday* - 4:15 p.m. Reconciliation, 5 p.m. Mass. *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Mass, 9:30 a.m. Children's Church. Sacrament of Baptism pre-baptismal classes are held the first Sunday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. Daily Mass starts at 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

**Protestant Services:** *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Bldg. 245, 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service and 11 a.m. Children's Church. *Sunday* - 8 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service. Sunday school will follow. *Wednesday* - noon Protestant Bible Study.

**For information on other faith groups, call the Base Chapel at 963-2536.**

## Movie schedule

**Admission:** 99 cents for adults and children.

Any person under 17 years of age requires a parent or adult guardian (a minimum of 21 years old) to purchase an admission ticket for the minor to view R-rated movies. The ticket office opens 30 minutes prior to the start of the movie, unless otherwise noted.

**Movie schedules are provided by AAFES.**

**Patrons should call 963-3333 to verify movie titles, running times and start times, which are subject to change.**



**Today 7:30 p.m.**

**"Spider-Man 2" – Tobey Maguire**

Peter faces a new challenge as he struggles with "the gift and the curse" desperately seeking to balance his dual identities as the web-slinging Spider-Man and his life as a college student. Peter finds his relationships with those he holds most dear are in danger of unraveling. His feelings for M.J. become even stronger, as he fights the impulse to reveal his secret life and declare his love. Peter's life is about to become more complicated as he encounters a formidable new foe, Dr. Octavius. **(PG-13) 128 minutes**

**Saturday, 7:30 p.m.**

**"Anchorman" – Will Ferrell**

When feminism marches into the newsroom in the form of ambitious newswoman Veronica Corningstone, Ron, the top-rated anchorman in San Diego, is willing to play along as long as Veronica stays in her place, covering cat fashion shows, cooking and "female" interests. But when Veronica refuses to settle for being eye candy and steps behind the news desk, it's more than a battle between two perfectly coiffed anchorpersons – it's war. **(PG-13) 104 minutes**



## SAFETY SENSE

### Injuries are the number one threat to children's health

More children are seriously injured or die as a result of accidents than from cancer, infectious diseases and birth defects combined. Injuries account for about 40 to 50 percent of child deaths.

To help prevent some of the most common injuries:



To avoid burns, set your hot water heater to a maximum of 120° F



Keep hazardous materials (i.e., poisons) locked up



Closely watch children near water deeper than 2 inches



# Swimming, biking, running - Oh my!

**By Tech. Sgt.  
Mark Kleber**  
437 AW Public Affairs

Can you imagine swimming one-quarter mile, biking nine miles and running 3.1 miles?

That's exactly what participants in the Charleston AFB Second Annual Swim-Bike-Run for Fun Sprint Triathlon will be doing Sept. 11.

The course starts at the base swimming pool where participants will swim 450 meters in the nine-lane, 25-meter, outdoor swimming pool. That means 18 lengths of the pool.

Next, triathletes will bike nine miles. They will start on Arthur Drive at the 437th Medical Group parking lot crosswalk and go to

the turnaround point just before the Aviation Boulevard intersection.

Then they will return in the same road on the opposite lane of traffic.

A 3.1-mile run completes the triathlon. Runners will start on the running path by Arthur Drive at the medical group parking lot entrance crosswalk and to run the turnaround point just before the base security front gate being renovated. Runners will return on the same path and finish at the medical group parking lot entrance crosswalk.

Last year's triathlon had about 40 participants, but race director Frank De Aragon hopes for a better turnout this year.

A mandatory pre-race meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Sept. 10 at the Fitness and Sports Center. Warm ups start at 6 a.m., then the race kicks off at 7 a.m. and lasts until the final runner crosses the finish line.

The triathlon costs \$10



per person and you can register at the Fitness and Sports Center. Early registration deadline is Sept. 3. Late registration (Sept. 4 to 10) costs \$15 and race day registration costs \$20.

Age groups for men and women will be 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60 and over. There will also be a team competition with two- and three-person teams with no age limits.

There will be first, second and third place awards in each age group for male and female plus overall winner male and female. Everyone who completes the triathlon will receive a medal.

Participants can start swim training now for the triathlon, said Mr. De Aragon. The base pool offers lap swimming from 6 to 8 a.m. and adult fitness

swimming from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Saturdays and Sundays, two lap lanes are available during recreational swim time from

11 a.m. to 7 p.m. If a person hasn't biked for a while, one can start pedaling around your neighborhood or the stationary bikes at the fitness center.

Several safety tips are important to keep in mind for race participants.

"Drink water regularly during your practices and workouts in order to remain hydrated," Mr. de Aragon said.

Goggles are advised for the pool, but not required. Try the goggles out before the race to get used to wearing them. A good pair of running shoes could save your knees and ankles.

"You are racing the clock, not the person next to you," said Mr. de Aragon. "Don't sprint. Just try to keep a steady pace in the water and on the road."

"Register early and avoid the late charges," said Mr. DeAragon. "It is very important you submit a good swim time with your registration because the swimmers will be lined up based on their 450 meter (or 500 yard) seed time. The lineup is fastest to slowest."

A triathlon is "one of those things people hear and read about and think they could not do it," Mr. de Aragon said. "But once you accomplish an event like this, you find out you can accomplish a lot more in life."

It's not impossible and it's designed to be a fun event."

For more information, contact Mr. DeAragon at 963-3344.



## Sports shorts

**Intramural volleyball:** 2004 intramural volleyball season started Tuesday.

Games are at 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Fitness and Sports Center's Globemaster Court.

**Intramural golf:** Letters of squadron intent are due to the Sports Office Sept. 1. A mandatory coaches' clinic will be held at 2 p.m. Sept. 7. The 2004 season starts Sept. 13.

**Intramural bowling:** Letters of squadron intent are due to the Sports Office o Sept. 8. A mandatory coaches' clinic will be held at 3 p.m. Sept. 14.

The 2004-05 season starts Sept. 21.

**Intramural flag football:** Letters of squadron intent are due to the Sports Office Sept. 15.

A mandatory coaches' clinic will be held at 2 p.m. Sept. 21 in the Health and Wellness Center's classroom. The 2004 season starts Sept. 28.

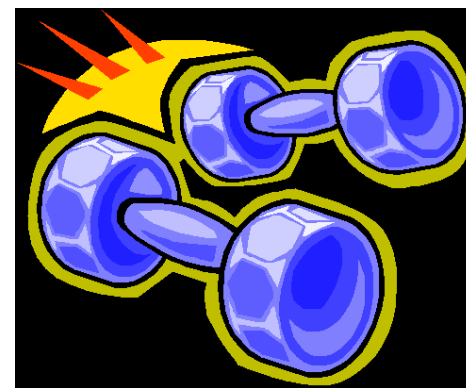
**School and sports physicals:** Call 963-6880 to schedule your physical.

**Youth soccer:** Coaches and officials are needed for youth soccer, which opens Sept. 18.

For more information, call the Youth Center at 963-5684.

## Fitness tips

Strong, well toned muscles look better than flabby ones and they help you function better. Muscular strength is important for proper posture, good lifting techniques, and injury prevention. Toned muscles also burn more calories, even at rest.



Why is exercise important? People who are physically fit are more alert and more productive. They have more stamina—both physically and mentally. They handle stress better and have less trouble sleeping. Exercise also keeps you feeling and looking good. While a healthy diet is important, regular exercise also helps you lose those extra pounds and stay trim.